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SUMMARY: WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS CONCENTRATED IN LATE
REPORTING ON CSCE PHASE I CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI
NOT ONLY THE DIFFERENT AIMS OF WEST AND EAST BLOC
NATIONS, BUT ALSO ON DIFFERENCES WHICH MAY APPEAR AMONG
THE WESTERN ALLIES AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT US-SOVIET
SUMMIT AND RESULTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. MAJOR WEST GERMAN DAILIES JUNE 30-JULY 2 GAVE PROM-
INENT COVERAGE TO CSCE PHASE I CONFERENCE WITH PRIMARY
EMPHASIS ON THE HOPES OF FRG PLANNERS AND POLICYMAKERS
FOR GREATER INTER-EUROPEAN EXCHANGES AND CONTRACTS.
FONMIN SCHEEL WAS WIDELY REPORTED AS OPTIMISTIC THAT
THE CONFERENCE COULD PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS. AND
FONOFF PLANNING STAFF CHIEF BRUNNER, WHO HAS PARTICI-
PATED IN THE PREPARATORY TALKS, GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO
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DORTMUND'S WESTPHALISCHE RUNDSCHAU JUNE 30 ALONG

SIMILAR LINES. BRUNNER RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES TO THE
POINT THAT ALTHOUGH THE FRG IS WELL AWARE OF THE EAST
BLOC DESIRES TO USE THE CONFERENCE TO RATIFY EXISTING
POST-WAR BORDERS IN EUROPE, THE FRG FEELS THE CONFADP000
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3. OTHER EDITORIAL COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, FOCUSED ON THE FACT THAT FRG
AND GDR FONMINS SCHEEL AND WINZER WILL BE SEATED
BESIDE EACH OTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HELSINKI,
AND THAT THE TWO WILL HAVE PRIVATE SESSIONS TOGETHER
AS WILL THE OTHER DELEGATES. ALTHOUGH THIS IS
CLEARLY A MILESTONE, THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE CAUTIONS THAT
BONN IS HARDLY "IN THE CLEAR" VIS-A-VIS THE GDR OR
OTHER EAST BLOC STATES; IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO USE
THE CSCE TO HELP PATCH UP STILL OUT-STANDING FRG
BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS.

4. IN A LONG ANALYTICAL PIECE JUNE 30, HAMBURG'S
CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT STRESSED THREE BASIC REASONS
FOR CHANGE SINCE THE END OF THE SIXTIES IN THE
WESTERN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET "CSCE PROJECT":
(A) THE INTERNAL CRISIS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE,
INTENSIFIED BY THE SHAKEN SELF-ASSURANCE OF THE US
AS A RESULT OF VIETNAM; (B) THE US WISH TO DEVISE A
STRONG BILATERAL SECURITY SYSTEM WITH THE
SOVIET UNION; (C) FRG FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES UNDER
BRANDT SINCE 1969. SKEPTICAL ABOUT OVERALL POSSI-
BILITIES FOR SIGNIFICANT FAVORABLE RESULTS FROM CSCE,
DIE WELT RECALLED THAT BREZHNEV HIMSELF HAD SAID THE
SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968 HAD BEEN AN
IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN
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SECURITY. IN A JULY 2 STORY FROM MOSCOW, THE FRANK-
FURTER ALLGEMEINE STRESSES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW
PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN INCREASED ECONOMIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN NATIONS.
THE ARTICLE, QUOTING INFLUENTIAL SOVIET PARTY JOURNALS,
CLAIMS THAT NON-DISCRIMINATORY TRADE HAS BECOME
CRITICAL AIM FOR THE SOVIET NEGOTIATORS. THIS, THE
SOVIETS WILL REPORTEDLY SAY AT CSCE, IS THE REQUISITE
FOR INCREASED COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS.
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